

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application, and for the suggestions for amending the application.

In response to the suggestions from the Examiner, the claims have been carefully reviewed and amended where appropriate. In particular, with regard to the language "transfer destinations that are included in said other devices", such language has been changed to "transfer devices of the other devices". It is believed that such an amendment is consistent with the Examiner's recommendations.

The remaining suggestions by the Examiner have been incorporated into the claims.

In view of the fact that there are no other rejections or objections to the application, Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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